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AMENDMENT A

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is responsive to the Official Action dated November 3, 2004, for which a shortened statutory period for reply that expired on February 3, 2005. A petition for a 3-month Extension of Time extending the deadline for responding to the Official Action up to and including May 3, 2005 is attached hereto. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested in view of the following Amendments and Remarks.